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Light Combat Aircraft 'Tejas'
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present strength of fighter squadrons is sufficient to meet the requirements of the Indian Air Force (IAF), and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Light Combat Aircraft 'Tejas' has passed the induction test by the Aircraft System Testing Establishment in Bangaluru recently and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether with acquisition of more number of Tejas, the Indian Air Force has planned to replace its ageing fleet of MiG 21 fighter planes soon;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the Tejas squadrons including Mark I and II are likely to be fully operational in the IAF; and

(e) whether the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited proposes to give more upgraded indigenously manufactured LCA to the Indian Air Force by 2018 and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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